# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
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Setting up of New ATCs
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) the total number of Air Traffic Controls (ATCs) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up new ATCs in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the criteria fixed by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether there are vacancies of the Communication, Navigation and Surveillance (CNS) wing, officers in aviation sector of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether existing ATC staff is subject to regular medical and health check-ups and if so, the details thereof indicating the interval at which such tests are conducted and the medical and health tests covered thereunder?

## Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : The list of Air Traffic Control (ATC) centers handling civil operations in the country established by Airports Authority of India(AAI) and Defence are at Annexure-A & Annexure-B respectively.

(b) : Development/up gradation of airport infrastructure including ATCs is a continuous process and is undertaken by AAI from time to time on need basis. The ATC Centers are normally established at those airports, which are licensed by DGCA under public use category and where
operations of commercial nature are expected.

(c) & (d) : The details of vacancies of CNS wing officers in the country are as follows:
- Group A : 728
- Group B : 723
- Group C : 95

The vacant posts are filled up on regular intervals both through promotion as well as direct recruitment under the Recruitment and Promotion Guidelines.

(e) : Yes, Madam. Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO) below fifty years of age undergo medical examination every two years and those above fifty years to undergo medication examination annually under medical authority approved by the Director General of Civil Aviation. An ATCO
is required to undergo medical examination based on following requirement:
- Physical and mental
- Visual and colour perception and
- Hearing

Normally test like BLOOD TEST (CBC/DLC/RBC/WBC/ Platelets), Glucose, LIPID profile, Urine routine and microscopy, ECG/EEG, Chest X-ray etc. are done. However, medical examiner may require an ATCO to undergo additional tests.